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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PRESS SAY GRAHAM-LOW LEAVE

EMPTY HANDED; SMITH ADMITS LACK OF SUCCESS

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF JUNE 15 QUOTE SOURCES "CLOSE TO THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT" AS SAYING THAT GRAHAM AND LOW OFFERED NOTHING NEW AND THE ADMINISTRATION FOUND NO REASON TO CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE. AN OFFICIAL IS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS APPEAR TO FEEL THEY HAVE A DUTY AND MUST MAKE IT LOOK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD THAT THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING, WHEN IN FACT THEY ARE DOING NOTHING AT ALL."
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SITHOLE IS REPORTED TO HAVE REPLIED, WHEN ASKED IF NKOMO WERE INCLUDED WOULD THERE BE RECOGNITION FOR THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, THAT "NKOMO IS NOT THE CENTER OF GRAVITY, THE PEOPLE ARE. THAT IS WHAT IS GOING TO GAIN US ACCEPTANCE."

2. REPORTS OF SMITH'S INTERVIEW OF BBC ON JUNE 15

(LONDON 9480), STATE THAT HE FELT THE SITUATION WAS
NOT DETERIORATING BUT HE ADMITTED THAT THERE HAD NOT
BEEN THE PROGRESS FOR WHICH HE HOPED. SMITH SAID
"LET ME CONCEDE WE ARE NOT SUCCEEDING AS WELL AS WE
HAD HOPED. WE HAVE TO IMPROVE OUR PERFORMANCE... I AM
VERY CRITICAL OF OUR EFFORTS SO FAR ON THE
CEASEFIRE."
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